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Date: March 28, 1962

To: Director
Central Intelligence Agency

Attention: Director of Security

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI, SR al.
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OF COMMUNICATIONS

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This case involves a wire tap placed on the telephone of Dan Rowan of the comedy team of Rowan and Martin by Arthur James Balletti and J. W. Harrison. Balletti was employed by Edward DuBois, who runs a private investigating agency in Miami, Florida. Balletti admits to having been assigned to surveil Rowan in Las Vegas, Nevada, and was accompanied by one J. W. Harrison, not further identified, who was supplied by Robert Maheu, who also conducts private investigations. Dan Rowan was reportedly engaged to Phyllis McGuire of the McGuire Sisters trio, who was also reportedly a girl friend of Sam Giancana. Giancana is a hoodlum.

Maheu claimed that he ordered coverage of Rowan in behalf of Central Intelligence Agency's (CIA) efforts to obtain intelligence information in Cuba through the hoodlum element, including Sam Giancana, which had interests there. Maheu said he was put in contact with Giancana in connection with these intelligence activities through John Rosselli, a Los Angeles hoodlum. Maheu authorized wiring of Rowan's room and discussed this matter with John Rosselli.

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Note: See memo Rosen to Belmont, 3/28/62

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Director
Central Intelligence Agency

At the request of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice, this matter was discussed with the CIA Director of Security on February 7, 1962, and we were advised that your agency

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The Criminal Division has now requested that CIA specifically advise whether it would or would not object to the institution of criminal prosecution against the subjects, Balletti, Mahew, and the individual known as J. W. Harrison for conspiracy to violate the "Wire Tapping Statute." [redacted]

An early reply will be appreciated in order that we may promptly inform the Criminal Division of CIA's position in this matter. [redacted]